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Settlement Reached With Safety Kleen Systems, Inc.

CYPRESS – Protecting human health and the environment through enforcement of California's hazardous waste management laws, the Department of Toxic Substances Control today announced a \$16,269 settlement with Safety Kleen Systems, Inc., to resolve hazardous waste violations revealed at their 2120 South Yale Street facility in Orange County. Safety Kleen (SK) is a permitted hazardous waste treatment and storage facility.

The settlement stems from violations revealed during a DTSC inspection of the facility on October 11, 2005. DTSC inspectors cited the facility for:

- Failure to comply with the hazardous waste facility permit conditions regarding the operation of four above ground barrel washers used for the treatment of solvents.
- Failure to sign and date each copy of the California manifest (used to track generation, transportation and disposal of hazardous waste) to certify that the hazardous waste covered by the manifest was consistent with waste received at the facility.
- Failure to record the location and date of storage / handling of each hazardous waste shipment received at the facility.

Under the terms of the Consent Order, signed on June 28, 2006, SK agreed to pay of fine of \$16,269, of which \$14,349 is an administrative penalty, \$1,920 is reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC. Of the \$14,349 penalty, SK will get a \$5,000 compliance school credit if two of its employees satisfactory complete the four hazardous waste courses at the California Compliance School within a prescribed time.

SK has corrected the violations listed in the Order. A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website, www.dtsc.ca.gov

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control is a department of the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.